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MARINE CIRCULAR No. 23/2013

TO :

Ship Owners, Ship Managers, Ship Operators, Charterers, Ship Masters, Recognized Organizations and the Shipping Community

SUBJECT :

Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 Certification

PURPOSE :

This circular serve to provide guidance on compliance with the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006.

REFERENCES :

- (a) Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- (b) Kiribati Marine Circular No. 33/2016 – Amendments of 2014 to Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006
- (c) Kiribati Marine Circular No. 57/2020 – Amendments of 2018 to Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006
- (d) Kiribati Marine Circular No. 09/2024 – Amendments of 2022 to Maritime Labour Convention (MLC) 2006

DEFINITIONS :

The following abbreviations stand for:

- “DMLC” – Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance
- “MLC 2006” – Maritime Labour Convention, 2006
- “[KRIS](#)” – Kiribati Registry for International Ships (Portal)
- “[RO](#)” – Recognized Organization as defined by IMO Resolution A.789(19)

APPLICATION :

1. This Convention applies to all seafarers except as expressly provided in the Convention and to all ships, whether publicly or privately owned, ordinarily engaged in commercial activities, other than ships engaged in fishing or in similar pursuits and ships of traditional build such as dhows and junks. This Convention does not apply to warships or naval auxiliaries.
2. The Regulations on Maritime Labour Certificate and Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance is applicable to the following ships:
 - 2.1. 500 gross tonnage or over, engaged in international voyages; and
 - 2.2. 500 gross tonnage or over, flying the flag of a Member and operating from a port, or between ports, in another country.

MLC 2006 CERTIFICATION :

1. Download the Application [**FORM DMLC Part I**] and Template [**FORM DMLC Part II**] for the issuance of Declaration of Maritime Labour Compliance (DMLC) Part I and Part II respectively [here](#). DMLC Part I may also be applied on-line through our [KRIS](#) portal.
2. With the DMLC Part I requirements stated on [**FORM DMLC Part I**], the shipowner has to carry out a gap analysis of the vessel and Company policies and advise whether there are any substantial equivalencies or exemptions that the Kiribati Ship Registry is required to consider and grant to the vessel. The completed DMLC Part I Application Form with vessel's particulars and request for any equivalencies or exemptions is to be submitted to this office.
3. Upon receiving the shipowner's submission of completed [**FORM DMLC Part I**] by email or on [KRIS](#) portal, this office will consider shipowner's request for equivalencies or exemptions (if any) and will electronically issue the DMLC Part I.
4. With the Electronic DMLC Part I, the ship owner may consult the relevant [RO](#) to prepare DMLC Part II with the supporting documentary evidence confirming compliance with DMLC Part I and the MLC 2006.
5. Shipowners shall liaise with the authorised [RO](#) to carry out documentary review followed by a verification inspection on board the vessel to endorse on the DMLC Part II for the issuance of the MLC 2006 certificate which shall be accompanied with DMLC Part I and II.
6. The seafarers shall have a right to complain directly to the Master and the ship owner, and externally to the following competent authorities:
 - 6.1. Relevant [RO](#); and
 - 6.2. This office (i.e. Kiribati Ship Registry)

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Registrar
Kiribati Ship Registry